

**SECTION 22 62 00**  
**VACUUM SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. Central Laboratory and Healthcare Vacuum Systems: This section describes the labor, equipment, and services necessary for and incidental to the installation of piped medical vacuum systems and medical vacuum and waste anesthesia gas disposal systems (WAGD). Medical vacuum and WAGD systems shall be installed started, tested, and ready for use. The scope of work shall include all necessary piping, fittings, valves, cabinets, station outlets and inlets, rough ins, ceiling services, gages, alarms including low voltage wiring, vacuum pumps, electric motors and starters, receivers, and all necessary parts, accessories, connections and equipment for a complete and operational system. Match existing station inlet terminal connections.
- B. The contractor shall provide all elements and accessories required for a complete system according to the most recent edition of NFPA 99, Gas and Vacuum Systems.
- C. All necessary connections to owner furnished equipment shall be made as indicated on the contract documents. A separate construction isolation valve shall be made at the point of connection to an existing vacuum system.
- D. Electrical power and control wiring for vacuum pump(s), WAGD Producer(s), ceiling columns, alarms wiring from equipment to alarm panels, and modular accessories associated with the system(s) shall be included.
- E. Pressure testing, cross connection testing and final testing per NFPA 99 shall be performed.
- F. Coordinate with owner retained verifier for final verification of the systems. Make corrections as required, including additional testing if necessary to attain full certification.
- G. A complete listing of all acronyms and abbreviations are included in Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- C. Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.
- D. Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING: Sealing around pipe penetrations to maintain the integrity of time rated construction.

- E. Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS: Sealing around pipe penetrations through the floor to prevent moisture migration.
- F. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING: General requirements and items common to more than one section of Division 22.
- G. Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT: Electric motors.
- H. Section 22 63 00, GAS SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Laboratory and healthcare gases and vacuum alarms.
- I. SECTION 22 63 00, GAS SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Laboratory and healthcare gas piping and equipment.
- J. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Control wiring.
- K. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit.
- L. Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES: Electrical wiring and accessories.

### 1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the test by the basic designation only.
- B. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
  - A13.1-2007 (R2013).....Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems
  - B16.15-2013.....Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings: Classes 125 and 250
  - B16.22-2013.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder-Joint Pressure Fittings
  - B16.50-2013.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Braze-Joint Pressure Fittings
  - B40.100-2013..... Pressure Gauges and Gauge Attachments
  - ASME Boiler and Pressure Code -
  - BPVC Section IX-2015....Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Qualifications
- C. American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE):
  - 6000 Series-2012.....Professional Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - B43-2014.....Standard Specification for Seamless Red Brass Pipe, Standard Sizes
  - B687-1999 (2011).....Standard Specification for Brass, Copper, and Chromium-Plated Pipe Nipples

- B819-2000 (R2011).....Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube for  
Medical Gas Systems
- D1785-2012.....Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl Chloride)  
(PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40, 80, and 120
- E. American Welding Society (AWS):
- A5.8M/A5.8-2011-AMD1....Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and Braze  
Welding
- B2.2/B2.2M-2010.....Specification for Brazing Procedure and Performance  
Qualification
- F. Compressed Gas Association (CGA):
- P-9-2008.....The Inert Gases: Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium
- G. Manufacturing Standardization Society (MSS):
- SP-72-2010a.....Ball Valves with Flanged or Butt-Welding Ends For  
General Service
- SP-110-2010.....Ball Valves Threaded, Socket-Welding, Solder Joint,  
Grooved and Flared Ends
- H. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
- ICS 6-1993 (R2001, R2006) Industrial Control and Systems Enclosures
- I. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
- 70-2014.....National Electrical Code
- 99-2015.....Health Care Facilities Code

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittals, including number of required copies, shall be submitted in  
accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Information and material submitted under this section shall be marked  
"SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 22 62 00, VACUUM SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND  
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES", with applicable paragraph identification.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data including: Full item description and  
optional features and accessories. Include dimensions, weights, materials,  
applications, standard compliance, model numbers, size, and capacity.
1. Complete specifications for the product intended to be installed,  
dimensional drawings, and wiring schematics.
  2. Package drawing indicating package style, dimensions when complete, method  
of disassembly and sizes of subsections for rigging and installation.
  3. Piping.
  4. Valves.
  5. Gages.

6. Vacuum switches.
7. Vacuum pump systems (Provide certified pump test data at startup):
  - a. Pumps: Manufacturer and model.
  - b. Pump performance curves.
  - c. Pump operating speed (RPM).
  - d. Capacity: Free air exhaust from 65 and 80 kPa (19 and 24 inches Hg) gage vacuum (L/s) (SCFM).
  - e. Capacity: Expanded air capacity at 65 and 80 kPa (19 and 24 inches Hg) gage vacuum (L/s) (SCFM).
  - f. Type of bearing in pump.
  - g. Type of lubrication.
  - h. Type and adjustment of drive.
  - i. Electric motors: Manufacturer, frame and type.
  - j. Speed of motors (RPM).
  - k. Current characteristics and horsepower of motors.
  - l. Receiver capacity and rating.
  - m. Silencers: Manufacturer, type and model.
- D. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

#### **1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Contractor shall include with submittals an affidavit attesting to compliance with all relevant paragraphs of NFPA 99 most recent edition. Personnel assembling medical vacuum and WAGD system shall meet NFPA 99 5.1.10.11.10 "Qualification of Installers" and hold medical gas endorsements as under ASSE Standard Series 6000. The Contractor shall, on company letterhead, furnish documentation attesting that all installed piping materials were purchased cleaned and complied with the requirements of NFPA 99 5.1.10.1 and 5.1.10.2. Electrical Control systems and Medical vacuum Alarms are to be UL listed as assemblies with label affixed. Medical vacuum and WAGD controls are to be wired in accordance with NEC.
- B. Equipment Installer: The equipment installer shall provide documentation proving that the personnel installing the equipment meet the standards set by ASSE Standard Series 6000. Show technical qualifications and previous experience in installing medical gas equipment on three similar projects. Submit names, phone numbers, and addresses of referenced projects. The equipment installer shall perform the following coordination functions:

1. Coordinate with other trades to ensure timely installations and avoid conflicts and interferences.
  2. Coordinate and field verify with the metal stud partition installer and/or mason to ensure anchors, sleeves and similar items are provided in sufficient time to avoid delays; chases and openings are properly sized and prepared.
  3. Coordinate with VA to ensure medical vacuum inlets, whether owner supplied or contractor supplied, in walls, ceiling and all equipment is provided by the same Medical Vacuum Equipment Manufacturer satisfactory to the owner.
  4. The contractor shall coordinate with the Medical Vacuum System. Verifier to deliver a complete, operational, and tested medical gas installation ready for owner's use.
- C. Equipment Supplier: The Equipment supplier shall demonstrate evidence of installing equivalent product at three installations similar to this project that has been in satisfactory and efficient operation for three years. Names, phone numbers, and addresses where the product is installed shall be submitted for verification.
- D. Medical Gas System Testing Organization: The Medical vacuum verifier shall show documentation proving that the medical gas verifier meets the standards set by ASSE Standard Series 6000. The testing shall be conducted by a party technically competent and experienced in the field of medical gas pipeline testing. Such testing shall be performed by a third party testing company independent of the installing and general contractor.
- E. Names of three projects where testing of vacuum systems has been performed by the testing agency shall be provided. The name of the project, names of such persons at that project who supervised the work for the project owner, or who accepted the report for the project owner, and a written statement that the projects listed required work of similar scope to that set forth in this specification shall be included in the documentation.
- F. Installation and Startup: The manufacturer shall provide factory authorized representatives to review the installation and perform the initial startup of the system. The factory authorized representatives shall submit a report to the COR and to the Contractor. The Contractor shall make all corrections identified by the factory authorized representative at no additional cost or time to the Government.
- G. Certification: The Final inspection documentation shall include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing agency on

this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and certification that all results of tests were within limits allowed by this specification.

#### **1.6 MAINTENANCE SUPPORT**

- A. The medical vacuum equipment manufacturer shall demonstrate a national factory direct service capability able to perform major overhauls. The medical vacuum equipment manufacturer shall provide factory direct preventative maintenance contract. The medical vacuum equipment manufacturer shall provide formal maintenance training courses. See paragraph "Demonstration and Training" for additional requirements for training. Servicer shall be no more than 100 miles away, be capable of responding within 4 hours, and provide certified personnel to perform all work.

#### **1.7 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION**

- A. Submit manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions.
- B. Submit operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments, substitutions and construction revisions shall be in electronic version on compact disc or DVD inserted into a three ring binder. All aspects of system operation and maintenance procedures, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of system design, control logic, and sequence of operation shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual. The operations and maintenance manual shall include troubleshooting techniques and procedures for emergency situations. Notes on all special systems or devices such as damper and door closure interlocks shall be included. A List of recommended spare parts (manufacturer, model number, and quantity) shall be furnished. Information explaining any special knowledge or tools the owner shall be required to employ shall be inserted into the As-Built documentation.
- C. The installing contractor shall maintain as-built drawings of each completed phase for verification; and, shall provide the complete set at the time of final systems certification testing. As-built drawings are to be provided, and a copy of them in Auto-CAD version 2014 provided on compact disc or DVD. Should the installing contractor engage the testing company to provide as-built or any portion thereof, it shall not be deemed a conflict of interest or breach of the 'third party testing company' requirement.
- D. Certification documentation shall be provided to COR 10 working days prior to submitting the request for final inspection. The documentation shall include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing

agency on this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and certification that all results of tests were within limits specified.

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 GENERAL PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. A single Medical Vacuum Equipment Manufacturer shall supply the medical vacuum system(s) and equipment to include valves and gauges, vacuum and WAGD sources.

### **2.2 PIPING**

- A. Copper Tubing: Copper tubing shall be type "K" or "L", ASTM B819, seamless copper tube, hard drawn temper, with wrought copper fittings conforming to ASME B16.22 or brazing fittings complying with ASME B16.50. The copper tubing size designated reflects nominal inside diameter. All tubing and fittings shall be labeled "ACR/OXY", "OXY", "OXY/MED", "ACR/MED", or "MED".
- B. Brazing Alloy: The brazing alloy shall comply with AWS A5.8M/A5.8, Classification BCuP, greater than 538 degrees C (1000 degrees F) melting temperature. Flux shall be strictly prohibited for copper to copper connections.
- C. Screw Joints: Screw joints shall use polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon) tape.
- D. Use only copper or stainless steel pipes for discharge from vacuum product (exhaust pipes).
- E. Memory metal couplings shall have temperature and pressure ratings not less than that of a brazed joint.
- F. Piping identification labels shall be applied at time of installation in accordance with NFPA 99. Supplementary color identification shall be in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-9.
- G. Special Fittings: The following special fittings shall be permitted to be used in lieu of brazed joints:
  - 1. Memory-metal couplings having temperature and pressure ratings joints not less than that of a brazed joint.
  - 2. Listed or approved metallic gas tube fittings that, when made up, provide a permanent joint having the mechanical, thermal, and sealing integrity of a brazed joint.
  - 3. Dielectric fittings where required by the manufacturer of special medical equipment to electrically isolate the equipment from the piping distribution system.
  - 4. Axially swaged, elastic strain preload fittings providing metal to metal seal having pressure and temperature ratings not less than that of a brazed joint and when complete are permanent and non-separable.

### 2.3 VALVES

#### A. Ball: Ball valves shall be in line.

1. 65 mm or DN65 (2-1/2 inches) and less: Ball valves shall be bronze/ brass body, MSS SP-72 and MSS SP-110, Type II, Class 150, Style 1, with tubing extensions for brazed connections, full ported, three piece or double union end connections, Teflon seat seals, full flow, 4138 kPa (600 psig) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle.
2. 75 mm or DN75 to 100 mm or DN100 (3 to 4 inches): Ball valves shall be bronze/ brass body, MSS SP-72 and MSS SP-110, Type II, Class 150, Style 1 with tubing extensions brazed to flanges, full ported, three piece, double seal, Teflon seals, full flow, 4138 kPa (600 psig) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle.

#### B. Check:

1. 75 mm or DN75 (3 inches) and less: Check valves shall be brass and bronze body, straight through design for minimum pressure drop, spring loaded, self-aligning with Teflon cone seat, vibration free, silent operation, supplied NPT female threads at each end with flow direction arrow permanently cast into body, 2758 kPa (400 psig) WOG minimum working pressure.
2. 100 mm or DN100 (4 inches) and greater: Check valves shall be iron body, bronze trim, swing type, vertical or horizontal installation, flange connection, 1035 kPa (150 psig) WSP with flow direction arrow permanently cast into body.

### 2.4 GAGES

#### A. Vacuum Gages:

1. For vacuum line adjacent to source equipment the vacuum gages shall comply with ASME B40.100, vacuum gage type, size 115 mm (4-1/2 inches), gage listed for vacuum, accurate to within 2-1/2 percent, with metal case. The vacuum gage range shall be 0 to 100 kPa (0 to 29.5 inches Hg). Dial graduations and figures shall be black on a white background, or white on a black background. Label shall be for vacuum service. A gage cock shall be installed. Dual scale gages shall be installed for vacuum system.
2. For vacuum service upstream of main shut-off valve: A 40 mm (1-1/2 inches) diameter gage shall be provided with steel case, bourdon tube and brass movement, dial range 0 to 100 kPa (0 to 29.5 inches Hg). Dual scale gages shall be provided for vacuum system.

### 2.5 MEDICAL VACUUM SYSTEMS



- A. Provide a complete medical vacuum package, complying with NFPA 99 in all respects, as specified and scheduled in the contract documents. All components shall be factory packaged (pre-wired and pre-piped), on a steel base, or tank mounted. All package piping shall be type "L" or type "K" rigid copper. Provide discharge separator/silencer.
- B. All components shall be duplex and/or a triplex and valved (or check valved as permitted NFPA 99) to allow service to any component without interrupting vacuum service to the facility during any maintenance operation or any condition of single fault failure. The design load shall be met with the largest single unit out of service. Each pump exhaust shall be isolated by a union fitting permitting capping for service removal.
- C. A complete and operational plant (source equipment) shall be furnished consisting of pumps, receiver and controls capable of providing the scheduled capacity with one pump out of service. All capacities shall be indicated in SCFM at 483 mm (19 inches Hg) and 600 mm (24 inches Hg).
- D. System shall be completely factory assembled, requiring only interconnection between modules on site. Systems requiring on site assembly other than interconnection are prohibited (replacement of components removed for shipping is permitted).
- E. Motor and Starter: Maximum 40 degrees C (104 degrees °F) ambient temperature rise, close coupled to a NEMA rated, High Efficiency, TEFC motor with a service factor of 1.15, ball bearings, for operation with current, voltage, phase and cycle specified in Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT. Motor shall be of such capacity that brake horsepower required by driver equipment at normal rated capacity will not exceed nameplate rating of the motor.
- F. Each pump shall include inlet and outlet flex connectors supplied by the medical vacuum equipment manufacturer.
- G. Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) or Direct Digital Controls (DDC) can be used to implement operating logic. Controls shall have integral memory and EPROM backup. Controls shall control the automatic alternation lead-lag of the vacuum pumps with provisions for simultaneous operation if required, and automatic activation of reserve or lag unit if required. A lag alarm on control cabinet and contacts for the master alarm shall be provided.
- H. The complete control system and all electrical components shall be NEMA ICS 6, Type 12 and UL labeled. The control system shall provide:

1. Automatic lead/lag sequencing including self adjusting minimum run timers which adaptively optimize the number of pump starts based on demand.
  2. Circuit breaker disconnects for each vacuum pump with external operators. Units with fuses instead of circuit breakers in motor circuit are prohibited. The control system shall include an automatic minimum run time adjustment to automatically adjust run time based on demand.
  3. Full voltage motor starters with overload protection.
  4. Redundant 120 volt control circuit transformers.
  5. Visual and audible reserve unit alarm with isolated contacts for remote alarms and audio cancel.
  6. Control cabinet shall have lighted HOA selector switches
  7. Panel mounted vacuum gauge, external visual lights indicating on/off status, audible and visual signals for thermal overload, oil discharge filter differential pressure or back pressure alarm, and alarm silence button.
  8. Contacts for external oil discharge filter differential pressure or back pressure alarm
  9. If silence has been pressed, audible and visual signal would be reactivated upon second alarm condition. Alarm shall be reset upon correction of original signal.
  10. Runtime hour-meter for each pump.
- I. The medical vacuum pumps shall be non-contacting claw style rotary design. The internal construction shall be friction free and require no sealants. Each medical vacuum pump shall be air-cooled and continuous duty rated. Each medical vacuum pump shall be provided with a single lubricated gearbox requiring an oil change not more often than 5,000 operating hours. Each medical vacuum pump shall be equipped with an exhaust silencer. Each medical vacuum pump shall be equipped with a high vacuum shutdown, a high temperature shutdown, a remote alarm at the BAS and local alarms. The lubricant supplied shall be inert with oxygen and the medical vacuum pump shall be factory cleaned for oxygen service.
- J. The complete medical vacuum system and all electrical components shall be factory tested prior to shipment by the medical vacuum equipment manufacturer.
- K. Controls:
1. Automatic: Adjustable, vacuum operated, automatic, electric switch to start and stop motor at receiver vacuum indicated. Provide heavy duty

- alternator, automatic, operating on a timed basis, to alternate the pumps by time forced alternation.
2. Control panel: Housed in a NEMA ICS 6, Type 12, listed, dust proof enclosure; prewired to include all specified electrical, electronic and electro pneumatic devices. Include wiring diagrams and operating descriptions in the cabinet. Include the following:
- a. Circuit breakers for each control and motor circuit.
  - b. Hand off automatic selector switch for each pump.
  - c. Hour meter for each pump.
  - d. Control circuit transformers.
  - e. One magnetic motor starter for each pump.
  - f. Provide panel with external visual (lights, red for running, green for off) and audible (horn/buzzer) signals. The signals provided include:
    - 1) Pump in operation (visual only).
    - 2) Thermal overload shutdown (visual and audible).
    - 3) Oil discharge filter differential pressure or back pressure alarm (visual), with contacts for external signal. Wire to master alarm panel.
    - 4) Cancel button, which shall silence an audible alarm, reactivate should a second alarm occur while the horn is silenced, and reset automatically upon correction of the original signal.
- L. Receiver Tank: The receiver tank shall be welded galvanized steel, in compliance with ASME Section VIII, 850 kPa (125 psig) working pressure stamped and certified. The receiver tank shall be equipped with vacuum gage and gage glass. The receiver tank shall be of sufficient capacity to ensure practical on/off operation of pumps.
- M. Bio-Hazard Safety Statement: "BIOHAZARD CAUTION: Fluid and waste material inside vacuum pipelines and vacuum equipment may be contaminated with blood and other potentially infectious material. Construction and service personnel shall use proper PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT and practice UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS when opening or servicing vacuum systems."

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. All installation shall be performed in strict accordance with NFPA 99 5.1.10. Brazing procedures shall be as detailed in NFPA 99 5.1.10.4. Brazing shall be performed only by brazers qualified under NFPA 99 5.1.10.11.10. Where piping

runs underground, the installation shall be made in accordance with NFPA 99 5.1.10.11.5.

- B. Open ends of tube shall be capped or plugged at all times or otherwise sealed until final assembly to prevent infiltration of any foreign matter.
- C. Piping shall be cut square and accurately with a tube cutter (**sawing is prohibited**) to measurements determined at place of installation. The tubing shall be reamed to remove burrs, being careful not to expand tube, and so no chips of copper remain in the tube. The tubing shall be worked into place without springing or forcing. The tubing shall be bottomed in socket so there are no gaps between tube and fitting. Care shall be exercised in handling equipment and tools used in cutting or reaming of tube to prevent oil or grease from being introduced into the tubing. Where contamination has occurred, material shall be no longer suitable for vacuum service and new, sealed tube sections used.
- D. Piping shall be supported with pipe trays or hangers at intervals as shown on the contract drawings or as defined in NFPA 99. **Piping shall not be supported by other piping.** Isolation of copper piping from dissimilar metals shall be of a firm, positive nature. **Duct tape is prohibited as an isolation material.**
- E. Valves and other equipment shall be rigidly supported to prevent strain on tube or joints.
- F. Piping exposed to physical damage shall be protected.
- G. During any brazing operation, the interior of the pipe shall be purged continuously with oil free, dry nitrogen NF, following the procedure in NFPA 99 5.1.10.4.5. At the completion of any section, all open pipe ends shall be capped using an EXTERNAL cap. The flow of purged gas shall be maintained until joint is cool to touch. The use of flux is prohibited when making of joints between copper to copper pipes and fittings.
- H. Threaded joints in piping systems shall be avoided whenever possible. Where unavoidable, make up the male threads with polytetrafluoroethylene (such as Teflon) tape. Liquid sealants are prohibited.
- I. Tubing shall not be bent. Fittings shall be used in all change of direction or angle.
- J. After installation of the piping, but before installation of the outlet valves, blow lines clear using nitrogen NF per NFPA 99.
- K. Pressure and vacuum switches, transmitter and gauges shall be installed to be easily accessed, and provide access panel where installed above plaster

ceiling. Pressure switch and sensors shall be installed with orifice nipple between the pipe line and switches/sensors.

- L. Pipe labeling shall be applied during installation process and not after installation is completed. Size of legend letters shall be in accordance with ASME A13.1.
- M. After initial leakage testing is completed, the piping shall be allowed to remain pressurized with testing gas until testing agency performs final tests.
- N. Penetrations:
  - 1. Fire Stopping: Where pipes pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoked partitions, or floors, fire stopping shall be installed that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING, Clearances between raceways and openings with the fire stopping material shall be completely filled and sealed.
  - 2. Water proofing: At floor penetrations, clearances shall be completely sealed around the pipe and made watertight with sealant as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- O. A vacuum gage 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) diameter shall be installed in line downstream of each valve located in a zone valve cabinet.
- P. Piping shall be labeled with name of service, identification color and direction of flow. Where non-standard pressures are piped, pressure shall be labeled. Labels shall be placed at least once every 6.1 m (20 feet) of linear run or once in each story (whichever is more frequent). A label shall additionally be placed immediately on each side of all wall or floor penetrations. Pipe labels shall be self adhesive vinyl type or other water resistant material with permanent adhesive colored in accordance with NFPA 99 Table 5.1.11 and shall be visible on all sides of the pipe. Each master alarm signal shall be labeled for function after ring out. Each zone valve shall be labeled and each area alarm labeled for the area of control or surveillance after test. Labels shall be permanent and of a type approved by the VAMC.
- Q. Alarms and valves shall be labeled for service and areas monitored or controlled. Coordinate with the VAMC for final room or area designations. Valves shall be labeled with name and identification color of the gas and direction of flow.

### **3.2 INSTALLER TESTING**

- A. Prior to declaring the lines ready for final verification, the installing contractor shall strictly follow the procedures for verification as described in NFPA 99 5.1.12.2 and attest in writing over the notarized signature of an officer of the installing company the following;
1. That all brazing was conducted by brazers qualified to ASSE Standard Series 6000 and holding current medical gas endorsements.
  2. That all brazing was conducted with nitrogen purging. (Procedure per NFPA 99 5.1.10.4.5).
  3. That the lines have been blown clear of any construction debris using oil free dry nitrogen or air are clean and ready for use. (Procedure per NFPA 99 5.1.12.2.2).
  4. That the assembled piping, prior to the installation of any devices, maintained a test pressure 1 1/2 times the standard pressures listed in NFPA 99 Table 5.1.11 without leaks. (Procedure per NFPA 99 5.1.12.2.3).
  5. That after installation of all devices, the pipeline was proven leak free for 24 hours at a pressure 20 percent above the standard pressures listed in NFPA 99 Table 5.1.11. (Procedure per NFPA 99 5.1.12.2. 6)
  6. That the systems have been checked for cross connections and none were found. (Procedure per NFPA 99 5.1.12.2.4)
  7. That the manufacturer has started up all medical air compressors, medical vacuum pumps WAGD producers, liquid oxygen system(s) and manifolds, and that they are in operating order.
- B. Four originals of the affidavit, shall be distributed; (2) to the COR, (1) to the general contractor, and (1) to the verifier ([www.mgpho.org](http://www.mgpho.org)).

### **3.3 CONNECTION TO EXISTING LABORATORY VACUUM SYSTEM**

- A. Contactor shall test the existing system for hydrocarbons, dew point, etc. per NFPA 99. If problems are present, the COR would notify the facility of the results. The facility would then make the necessary repairs and/or maintenance.
- B. Double shut-off valves shall be installed at the connection of new line to existing line.
- C. Time for shutdown of the existing vacuum system shall be coordinated at least 10 work days prior to shutdown with the COR and VA Medical Center.
- D. Prior to any work being done, new pipeline shall be checked for particulate or other forms of contamination per NFPA 99.
- E. Ensure that the correct type of pipe tubing and fittings are being used.

- F. A spot check of the existing pipelines shall be made in the facility to determine the level of cleanness present.
- G. The tie-in shall be made as quickly as possible. A nitrogen purge is not required since this would require another opening in the pipe.
- H. After the tie-in is made and allowed to cool, slowly bleed the source vacuum back into the pipeline. Test the work area for leaks with soapy water and repair any leaks.
- I. After all leaks, if any, are repaired and the line is fully recharged, perform blow down and testing. Open the zone that is closest to the main to the system, access the closest outlet to the work, and blow the main through the inlet. After the inlet blows clear into a white cloth, make an additional check at a zone most distant from the work. Perform all required NFPA 99 tests after connection.

#### **3.4 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING**

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for four hours to instruct VA Personnel in operation and maintenance of the system.

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